

REMARKS

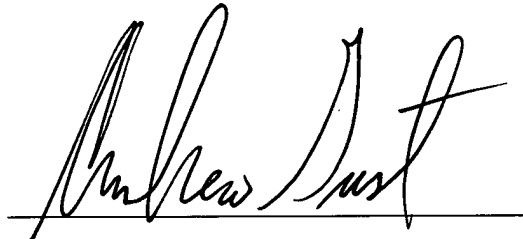
Claims 12 through 31 are pending in this application.
Claims 1 through 11 have been cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that any amendments made herein are neither narrowing nor made for substantial reasons related to patentability. Therefore, any amendments made do not create prosecution history estoppel. As such, the doctrine of equivalents is available for all of the elements of the claims.

It is submitted that pending claims 12 through 31 are allowable. It is respectfully urged that this application be passed to allowance.

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